

EMERGENCY FILINGS

We process a large number of new cases each day in this District, and many people who come to file are facing emergencies; due to staffing limitations, however, we are not in a position to provide singular service to these individuals. To ensure that all are treated fairly, everyone must wait his or her proper turn. If you have a filing deadline, please use the electronic date stamp located on our drop box, near the entrance door, before you get in line. This will certify that you arrived at our office by a particular time. Please be aware, however, that stamping a petition in this way does NOT constitute an Order of Relief; the Order of Relief is stamped on the petition at the time during the intake process when the docket number is assigned. **The automatic stay afforded by the filing of a bankruptcy petition does not take effect until the time of stamping of the Order of Relief.** Parties (creditors, creditors' attorneys) whom you are notifying as to the filing of a petition should be shown both stamps. If the exact date and time that an Order of Relief took effect becomes a matter of dispute, the court may be petitioned to resolve the issue.